CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	4021127.jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1600388.011
Medium:	Computer Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	07 July 2016
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	07 July 2016

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file comprises a colour photo of a partially naked man and young teenage boy in a situation that appears to be sexually exploitative. The computer image file tends to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes. The image file has no apparent purpose other than the sexual arousal of viewers. The computer image file format facilitates distribution or trading among like-minded individuals. Such material invites viewers to regard teenage boys as sexually desirable, and therefore has the effect of encouraging their sexual exploitation. The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but this is an outcome consistent with Parliament's intention that publications which promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable.